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College nears move to NCAA Division II

Lions would compete in MIAA in two years

By Mark Ernstmann
Executive Manager

Shifting its athletic status from NAIA to NCAA Division II may occur in the near future for Missouri Southern.

According to Dr. Wayne Harrell, faculty athletic representative, the athletic committee met Monday and discussed the possibility of the change.

"We discussed the CSIC (Central States Intercollegiate Conference) in light of the changes made by the other member schools," said Harrell. "We just looked at the changes and discussed our options."

"There is almost no way to go except to the MIAA and NCAA Division II."

—College President Julio Leon

According to College President Julio Leon, the athletic committee did present the administration with a recommendation concerning the move. That recommendation was for Southern to leave the NAIA and move to NCAA Division II, joining the Missouri Intercollegiate Athletic Association (MIAA).

Harrell said one of the main reasons for the College to switch is the fact that other CSIC schools have already made or are considering making the move, leaving Southern "isolated and causing great travel distances."

Missouri Western State College in St. Joseph has already made the move to NCAA and will join the MIAA. Pittsburg State University has ended its ties with the CSIC and is moving to NCAA, also. Washburn University, like Southern, is contemplating the move.

"The Nebraska schools (Kearney State College and Wayne State College) want to stay and keep the conference together," said Leon. "If Southern was to stay, we would be in a new conference with

schools from who knows where."

Leon said one institution that has expressed interest in joining the CSIC is Panhandle State (Okla.) University. This institution, along with the existing Nebraska and Kansas schools, would make for excessive travel by Southern athletic teams.

"Missouri Western is going MIAA," said Leon. "They argue that since they are a Missouri school, they should have their money in the state and play Missouri teams."

"The range of schools and travel is less," added Leon. "We could derive the same benefits."

If Southern is to join the MIAA, some additional expenditures would be required. One expenditure would result because the MIAA requires that each member institution compete in four sports in men's and women's athletics.

"Currently, our women compete in softball, volleyball, and basketball," said Leon. "We would have to add one more sport for them."

Leon said the sport would be a minor one, possibly tennis.

Before being eligible for the MIAA, Southern would have to give notice to the CSIC, and would then be required to remain in the conference for two more years.

Southern's possible move to the MIAA would create a conference containing 11 institutions. Ten would compete in football, and all 11 would compete in basketball.

Said Leon, "A decision has not been made yet, but we are almost in a corner. There is almost no way to go except to the MIAA and NCAA Division II."



Assists with broad jump

Max Oldham, head of the physical education department, assists with the Special Olympics broad jump held in Hughes Stadium Friday. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Committee suspends education discussion

ACT director speaks on assessment today

Addressing a special faculty meeting at 2 p.m. today will be Dr. Aubrey Forrest, director of institutional design and assessment for the American College Testing program.

Forrest will explain the COMP (College Outcomes Measurement Program) test being given to Missouri Southern students in an effort to assess programs and review general education requirements.

"He will explain reasons for giving the tests, how they were developed, what the test measures, and what we should expect from the test," said Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs.

Southern's general education review committee has found the results of tests administered to students last fall helpful in its attempt to assess general education requirements.

Assessment of general education requirements has been a continuing process this year. The academic policies committee has attempted to gather ideas and opinions concerning requirements and draw conclusions about the value and content of courses.

"We have made at least one major decision," said Belk. "It will be the responsibility of every course to add to the general education requirement. Some courses will be assigned more focus on general education than others. We may have some general education at the junior and senior level."

Belk said several areas in general education need attention.

"We need to do more in international education, and we need to do more in citizenship education," he said. "There is some consideration that we may wish to do more in the humanities area."

Another major decision that has been made is to require more writing from students, but Belk said how that requirement will be implemented has not yet been determined.

The academic policies committee met yesterday for its final discussion this semester of general education requirements.

"We will put it on the shelf until August," said Belk. "I have felt quite good that we have been able to narrow down the vast amount of material as much as we have. We have made tremendous progress this year. When we come back, we will be ready to debate the issues and narrow them down."

Belk said the Faculty Senate will discuss final recommendations for changes.

College attempts to send radio signal to Kansas City

Despite the research and good intentions, the broadcast signal of Missouri Southern's radio station, KXMS, will not be transmitted to Kansas City.

The idea was generated when radio station KXTR-FM of Kansas City, a commercial, classical music station, was placed for sale by owners Bob and Beth Ingram. The prospect of losing the station aroused the interest of many Kansas Cityans, who felt this would be the death of classical music in the area.

An editorial appeared in the *Kansas City Times* commenting on the prospect.

Titled "Goodbye, good music," the editorial discussed the possibility of the city losing its only classical station.

"I saw the editorial and thought the situation was bad," said Dr. Julio Leon, president of Southern. "I looked into it and talked with Richard Massa about the possibilities of sending our signal to Kansas City."

According to Massa, head of the communications department, the process would be technically possible, but a series of microwave relay stations would have to be constructed.

"It would take seven microwave relay

stations," said Massa. "Each station would cost from \$30,000 to \$35,000."

In addition, once the relay system was set up, a frequency would have to be found. To get a frequency, an existing station would have to sell the rights to its particular one. To buy that frequency, additional dollars would be necessary.

Leon said the College did not have the necessary amount of funding available, so an alternate course had to be considered.

"I spoke with Sen. (Richard) Webster about the idea," said Leon. "I said we could do it if Kansas City could raise the money."

"There are large companies interested in the arts in Kansas City. Maybe they would say the classical music station was something that should not be lost and pursue it."

The idea never materialized, however.

The new owner of KXTR and its sister station, KBEA, said that classical music would remain in Kansas City—only it would be moved to an AM frequency. The FM frequency's format will be changed to whatever is economically feasible.

Said Leon, "Kansas City felt that it was a nice gesture on our part, but this is the end of it. It is not going to happen."

Newspaper receives 'Best in State' recognition

Claiming its fifth consecutive "Best in State" award, *The Chart* also received 12 individual and staff awards at Saturday's meeting of the Missouri College Newspaper Association.

The Chart won first-place awards in Page One Design, News Page Design, and In-Depth News Reporting. The newspaper received second-place awards in Feature Page Design, Sports Page Design, Single Subject Presentation, and third place in Single Subject Presentation.

In Sports Column writing, Shaun LePage claimed first and third place while Rob Smith finished second. Mark

Ernstmann was awarded second place in In-Depth News Reporting, and Sue Hopkins received second place in Feature Writing.

In presenting the "Best in State" award, judges referred to *The Chart* as a "tremendous" newspaper with "excellent reporting and layout and balanced content."

"It's obvious that lots of hard work goes into this publication," judges said.

Mark Mulik, campus editor for *The Chart*, was elected MCNA president. He is the third student from Missouri Southern to hold that position. Henry

Gerdes of Southeast Missouri State University and Amy Kimbrell of the University of Missouri were elected vice president and secretary, respectively.

Chad Stebbins, adviser to *The Chart*, was elected MCNA faculty adviser. It was decided that Missouri Southern will host the 1988 convention.

"It has never been held in Joplin before," said Stebbins. "It will take a good deal of work on our part, as we have to plan the entire day's events. But it will give us the opportunity to show everyone that we have an excellent communications program in this part of the state."

COMP test results will still provide information

Even though less than 25 per cent of the graduating students participated, results from the COMP test will still provide Missouri Southern with information regarding its general education program.

According to Dr. Eugene Mouser, director of counseling and testing, of the 313 students asked to take the test, only 55 actually took it.

"We are obviously disappointed," said

College President Julio Leon. "It is very important for us to be able to give this test."

Leon does not want to make the test mandatory. He feels making it a requirement for graduation would put it in a different perspective to students.

According to Dr. Floyd Belk, vice president for academic affairs, the data from the test will still be put to use by the College. The results will be used to help

evaluate the general education program.

"I am sure the information from the test is going to be very valuable to the College," Belk said.

Said Leon, "It will be up to the students in the future. We will keep an eye on it, and hopefully things will get better and we will get the cooperation we need from them."



Student teaching

Denise Dieckhoff assists Teresa Davis with a spelling exercise in a second grade class at Webb City's Eugene Field Elementary School. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Marlowe receives grant

English professor will attend Dartmouth seminar

Due to a national grant, Dr. Ann Marlowe will have the opportunity to attend a seminar this summer at Dartmouth College in Hanover, N.H.

Marlowe, professor of English at Missouri Southern, was one of 12 persons selected to receive the grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. There was a total of 75 applicants.

While at Dartmouth, Marlowe will study English romantic literature and landscape painting.

"I will be studying literature, philosophy, and art," said Marlowe, "and looking at the process of creating art and expressing one's self. It will cover the whole creative process and imagination."

Marlowe said the seminar will begin in late June and run through August. It will

include various lectures and consultation with those presenting the program.

"It was coordinated by the NEH to get faculty from across the country together to share ideas," said Marlowe. "This will give us a chance to improve on our publishing and teaching."

Marlowe attended a similar conference in Berkeley, Calif., in 1980, and also traveled to England in 1983 for an international William Wordsworth conference.

Dr. James A.W. Heffernan will be presenting the program. He has published several books and has presented a paper in England.

Said Marlowe, "All of this will be adapted to the writing process. We are particularly interested in the philosophy of writing and creating."

College will offer diet class

Classes in comprehensive weight management will be offered for adolescents between the ages of 12 and 18 through the division of continuing education.

Susan Kensir, a registered dietitian, will instruct the 12-week program. Classes will meet at 4:30 p.m. on Tuesdays from May 5 to July 21. Kensir has worked with the White River Medical Center, Nutrition Consultants Inc. of Atlanta, the University of Arkansas, and the Missouri Department of Natural Resources.

Classes for adolescents will stress nutrition awareness, behavior modification, and exercise. Four parent sessions will be conducted to provide support and education on weight management principles, role definition, and communication patterns.

Enrollment fee for the program, called "Shapedown," is \$82. Materials for both students and parents will cost \$27. Further information and enrollment instructions are available through the office of continuing education at 625-9384.



Volunteers

CAB members Staci Daugherty and Tony Wilson blow up and distribute balloons for the Area 5 Special Olympics held last week at Hughes Stadium. Nearly 1000 athletes from 40 area communities participated in the annual event, which is co-sponsored by the department of education. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Senate passes fund request

After some debate, the Student Senate voted to give the Council for Exceptional Children the total \$924 it had requested for six participants to attend an international conference in Chicago.

The finance committee originally recommended to give CEC only \$744.

Some senators were concerned that some of the money to be allocated would go to a guest of the CEC, who was not a Missouri Southern student.

Leasa Rynn, president of CEC, said the organization had agreed to help pay the cost of a Carthage teacher who was to be honored at the international convention. But she pointed out the money to pay for the teacher's expenses would come from the club and not the money Student Senate would give.

The Senate also voted to give Zeta Tau Alpha \$250 for 16 participants to be made available for national awards and to attend the Kansas City Zeta Day.

A motion was made to increase this sum to the \$368 originally requested by the club. However, this motion failed in a close vote by the Senate.

Culwell offers business seminar

Dr. Beverly Culwell, associate professor of business, will present two seminars on "Time Management for Today's Woman."

The seminar on Wednesday, April 22 will be held from 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the House of Lords Room of the Billingsly Student Center. The second seminar will be held from 9:30 to 11 a.m. on Saturday, April 25 in the management development center at Missouri Southern.

Discussions will include assessing attitudes about time, time management techniques, and setting goals and objectives. The seminar is of special interest to working women who need to become better organized as they attempt to manage both a job and a home.

Educators to hold seminar

Topics to focus on mastery learning, belief systems

Mastery Learning and Belief Systems will be the topic of discussion at a seminar for educators on Saturday, April 25.

These teaching philosophies are techniques related to how a child learns. Mastery Learning is a system that has a child master one skill before moving on to another skill. A person's own beliefs on teaching make up the theory of a belief system.

Dr. James Block, associate professor of education at the University of California-

Santa Barbara, will be presenting his theories on education at the seminar.

The seminar is designed for all area teachers at the college and high school level, administrators, college students, and others interested in implementing mastery learning in their classroom or school.

Missouri Southern's education department will sponsor the seminar from 9 a.m. to noon in Phinney Hall.

If interested in attending the seminar, persons may contact the department of education at 625-9309 by Tuesday.

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Senator in Joplin Missouri Sen. John Danforth (right) talks with Dr. Marvin Singleton, a member of the state Republican committee, at a meeting of the Jasper County Medical Society held at Freeman Hospital. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Graduate to join Dallas law firm

Mark Lloyd Smith, a 1983 summa cum laude graduate of Missouri Southern, will join a Dallas law firm in September.

Smith, 24, graduates in May from the Southern Methodist School of Law. He will take the Texas Bar Exam in July.

A native of Joplin, Smith attended Joplin Christian High School. He graduated from Southern with a 3.95 grade point average and was named the College's Outstanding Psychology Student

for 1983. He was a member of Psi Chi and Students In Free Enterprise.

Smith has written and published two award-winning law review articles and currently serves as leading articles editor for the *Journal of Air Law & Commerce*.

Accepting an offer to join the law firm of Locke, Purnell, Boren, Laney & Nelly, Smith describes it as "a conservative, old-time law firm with very forward-looking ideas about growth and service to the client."

8-year-old overcomes handicap

'She's almost impossible to keep up with at times'

By Lisa Clark
Staff Writer

Even with cerebral palsy and epilepsy, Sindhu Melissa Nemeth, 8, has come through it all to be as lively and spirited as any child her age could be.

"She does everything and gets into everything," said Patty Nemeth, Sindhu's mother and a financial aid/admissions counselor at Missouri Southern, "and she's almost impossible to keep up with at times."

Sindhu is originally from India, where at approximately two years old she contracted meningitis that went untreated. This caused her to become epileptic and have cerebral palsy.

The epilepsy causes her to have atonic drop seizures—seizures that cause her to drop suddenly face-first from the waist. These seizures have been stopped by medication. But recently new seizures have developed that can occur anywhere from eight to 18 times a day. Also, the right side of Sindhu's brain is constantly having seizures that are not outwardly apparent.

"She's afraid to go to sleep because she thinks she'll have a seizure," said Nemeth.

Most of her seizures occur in the late afternoon and at night when she's going to bed. Also, she has them in the mornings when she's first getting up and her body is waking up.

Sindhu's cerebral palsy only affects the left side of her body. Her arm and leg work very well, but her hand and foot use are limited.

"When I adopted her two years ago, her left hand was closed," said Nemeth,

"but she gained limited use of it until March 23, when she seized, fell, and injured her nerves in the arm and hand. Now, she is slowly beginning to be able to grip things with her hand again."

On top of her handicaps, Sindhu's eardrums were punctured and later rebuilt. She has contracted many diseases and infection that have required in some cases special treatment. Because of her seizures, she has had many injuries.

"Sindhu has an extraordinary will to have fought so hard and come through everything so well," said Nemeth.

Sindhu attends Stapleton School in its multi-handicap class where she seems to be doing well.

"She's extremely stubborn," said Nemeth. "To her, she's not handicapped."

She is compassionate toward others who are handicapped. She will almost always run up and hug and kiss anyone she sees in a wheelchair or wearing braces as she does.

Sindhu, while being handicapped, has had many other things to cope with. She came to the United States only two years ago and only spoke about five words in English, but she could speak parts of three Indian dialects. She became a part of a new family and had to learn that she belonged.

"Everything was new to her, including having a mother and a brother," said Nemeth.

Mike, 10, is Sindhu's brother, and since she became part of the Nemeth family she has become very dependent on him.

"When she's about to have a seizure, she calls for Mike," said Nemeth, "and when she's in the hospital she wants to see him all of the time."

Sindhu has adapted to life, has learned to adapt to her new home, and she loves to play outside where she can look at everything. She also loves to wrestle, jump, and climb, especially with her brother.

Next month Sindhu will undergo surgery to remove the entire right hemisphere of her brain, which will eliminate her seizures.

"Sindhu doesn't really realize what is going to happen to her except that she's going to go to a hospital, be put to sleep, and when she wakes up she won't have anymore seizures," said Nemeth. "She can't wait for the day she has the surgery."

This type of surgery is risky because it involves removing part of the brain. In Sindhu's case, the left side of her brain has almost taken over total control of her body functions. Also, this surgery is the last hope of stopping her seizures because every medication that is used for epileptics has been tried without success.

Her surgery will take place at Washington University Medical Center and Children's Hospital in St. Louis.

The Nemeths have paid for all of her doctors—eight who take care of her on a regular basis in Joplin and Tulsa. The family also has paid for trips to and from the hospitals, doctors, and treatment centers; and medications from personal funds and insurance. Their church and Ozark Christian College, where Nemeth graduated, each gave them surprise collections to help pay for their expenses in St. Louis and Tulsa.

Nemeth said, "It was very thoughtful of them to do it for us and most helpful."

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Decency groups near censorship

While Main Street News and Arcade sells such magazines as *Hustler*, *Penthouse*, *Latin Babes*, and *Flesh*, the store should still be protected by the Constitution and freedom of press.

Organizations such as Mothers Against Pornography and Citizens for Decency through Law are trying to close places such as Main Street News. These organizations believe it is their job to clean up Joplin.

Main Street News has been open for about five years. During that time, the store has received constant pressure from these groups as well as from many individual Joplin citizens to close its doors.

While *The Chart* staff does not support or back pornography, we do feel that it is the constitutional right of the store to sell its material. Who do these groups think they are anyway? America is great because of the individual freedoms granted us by our forefathers, and it is not up to these groups to take those away.

Main Street News takes several precautions to make sure no one less than 18 years old is admitted into the establishment, including requiring membership and validation of age.

While Main Street News manages to keep out anyone under age, it is a business trying to make a profit and should be allowed to sell any printed material.

Limiting the freedom of the press at Main Street News is censorship, and may eventually filter into the rest of Joplin. With collected momentum from the success of this movement these groups may decide to progress to Joplin's libraries where they may wish to remove such classics as *The Catcher in the Rye* and *Huckleberry Finn*. If it begins here, where will it end?

Musical receives rave reviews

With only two performances remaining, students and faculty should make every effort to watch *A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum*.

Presented by the theatre department, the musical has received rave reviews after its first two performances. After attending Tuesday, one veteran faculty member said "It was the finest night I have ever spent attending a Southern theatre production."

With students complaining about the lack and quality of College-sponsored activities, here's one that everyone can enjoy. It's free, it's entertaining, and it's intellectually stimulating.

Letters to the Editor:

Please submit "Letters to the Editor" to The Chart office in Hearnes Hall Room 117 by noon Friday for publication in the next week's edition. Letters must be typed and signed, and should not contain more than 500 words.



Honors students want Gale

Recently a decision was made by the administration of Missouri Southern to replace Dr. Steven Gale as Director of the Honors Program. Dr. Floyd Belk, Vice-President of Academic Affairs informed the members of the program that the change was to be made effective at the end of the Spring 1987 semester. To say the honors students were surprised is an understatement. Outraged is more accurate.

Dr. Gale holds the confidence of the students and for very good reason. Dr. Gale was elected by fellow directors to the position of Vice-President of the Great Plains Regional Honors Council in 1985. Missouri Southern has been said to have the "best honors program in the state" by many members of the same council. The program has also been used as a model in establishing similar programs at other universities. This is perhaps put in better perspective when one considers that the program at Southern is only 3 years old. We feel the overwhelming success of the program is a direct result of Dr. Gale's

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efforts. Honors students and their parents feel the change will be detrimental to the program's continued growth and stability. Already we have lost an accepted applicant, who scored at least 30 on his ACT, due to the change.

A statement outlining students' concerns with the decision was presented to Dr. Leon. He did not read it.

We feel that no valid reasons for the change have been given. A change of this nature can only serve to weaken the Honors Program. We, as students, are very unhappy with the change and wish to retain Dr. Gale as director for the continued success of our Honors Program at Missouri Southern.

William Bentz
Trey Moeller
Barbara Nelson



Commercials and reruns pollute TV

By Mark Ernstmann
Executive Manager

The other night, I was watching *Back to the Future* on TV when a particular conversation caught my attention and made me realize just how far technology has come.

For those of you who have seen the movie, the next paragraph will be understandable. For those of you who haven't, I'm sorry, but I am not going to give a synopsis. But read the rest of this column anyway; it doesn't really deal with the movie.

Marty McFly (Michael J. Fox) is having dinner with his family-to-be. The year is 1955. During dinner, the family is watching television on its new portable set.

Marty mentions that he has seen a particular

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program on a rerun. This draws curious looks from the rest of the diners who ask: "What's a rerun?"

Marty also mentions that his family has two TV sets, to which the mother replies "Don't be ridiculous, nobody has two television sets."

Well, in a sense, she was right. Nobody does have two television sets. That went out with hula hoops. Most families today are three and four television families. One for the family room, one for the kitchen, one for the bedroom, and one for who knows where.

Anyway, these two comments made me realize how far technology has come in the past 30 years, especially television. But when I really think about it, is it really that much better?

Television, in its early days, was pure. Television, today, is polluted. Not only is television polluted with sex, violence, and drugs, it is also polluted with reruns and commercials.

One phase of technology, though, has helped

clean up some of this pollution, and that phase is the remote control. With a "clicker" a person can now zap those undesirable commercials that bug and interrupt us during our favorite programs.

Thanks in part to the "clicker," commercials have been getting better, also. Advertisers now know that to keep the viewer's attention something special is needed. Many companies use special effects and the latest in computerization in their commercials to grab that attention.

One drawback to the "clicker" is that a person may become addicted to zapping. Everytime I see a commercial coming up, I reach for that zapper and rapidly flip through my entire complement of channels, only to find nothing there. Thirty-six channels on cable, and still nothing to watch.

If I do find something to watch, it is usually a rerun of some comedy show from ages ago. I do like some of them, but others were no good when they first came out. Maybe reruns, like good wine, get better with age.

Anyway, I'm still sick of *Mr. Ed*, *Green Acres*, and *The Donna Reed Show*. Now where did I put that "clicker?"

Working students must make choice

By Dale Simpson
Assistant Professor of English

In the nearly eight years that I have been at Missouri Southern State College, I have had the pleasure of dealing with all kinds of students from all kinds of backgrounds, with all kinds of intellectual abilities and all kinds of motivations for being here. It has been for the most part a pleasurable experience, there being only a few unpleasant moments that I can recall. However, every year I must work with students who disturb my ivory tower reveries of the ideal teaching experience. Some college students, for whatever reasons, just don't belong on a college campus. We all know the types; even fellow students recognize them easily enough. Even though they are a serious problem

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within the college community, they are not my focus here.

No, my concern is with the full-time student/employee. It seems to me that more and more students in the 1980's are working 30 and 40 hours a week (and more) while taking full college loads. Missouri Southern is primarily a commuter school, which means that 90 per cent of its students are non-residential—i.e., live off campus—and consequently many of them work to pay for their college education. This situation has implications for all of us: for instructors, for administrators, and of course, for students. Students who work full-time and take full course loads constitute a really serious problem, for which there is no easy solution. Sooner or later, these students are faced with having to choose among their jobs, their coursework, and sleep. For these students I have sympathy because usually their heart is in the right place: they want to get that college degree, but

they have to work in order to support themselves while getting the degree. And so, many of them will choose the job first, sleep second, and coursework last.

I am concerned with the great number of these students who fail to make deadlines for assignments because their jobs interfere. If you are a typical working student you may respond, "Interfere? Buddy, it's a necessity. Without work, I don't eat, and I don't come to school." I understand. I would not want to be in the position of asking my boss not to work overtime or not to work the day shift for two weeks because the job would interfere with my coursework. What do you think the boss would say? However, if you slough off coursework for the job, or if you ask for an extension of a deadline, or if you miss an exam because you had to work, how should your college professor respond? Isn't the college professor an "employer," too? If you might be fired because you have a history of missing deadlines or missing

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Joplin's oldest house survives tests of time and Civil War

Surviving such trying circumstances as time and the Civil War, Joplin's oldest home is awaiting the celebration of its anniversary this Saturday.

Sitting on the north bank of Turkey Creek, the "History House," located at 1210 N. Florida, was built by Solomon Rothanbarger in the 1840's or 1850's. Although the exact time of construction is uncertain, it is known that Rothanbarger came to the Joplin area in 1837, making the homestead 150 years old this year. Moving here from Pennsylvania, Rothanbarger homesteaded 380 acres, on which he built a log cabin. At this time he also began construction on brick kilns.

These kilns eventually supplied bricks for not only his own house, but the houses of many other homesteaders in the area, including the home of one of Joplin's founders, John C. Cox, and the original house which stood on the grounds of Schifferdecker Gardens.

"This used to be a resort area," said Connie Winfrey, who currently lives in the Rothanbarger house.

The Cox house still stands on Whig Hill, located north and east of Landreth Park on Persimmon Street. Schifferdecker Gardens, once the site of the Turkey Creek Brewery and many social gatherings, was located south of the Rothanbarger house.

Approximately 10 years after he came to the area, Rothanbarger began building "History House" out of hand-pressed bricks he made from clay taken from a clay pit on the grounds. Sections of the rock foundation of the original log cabin can still be seen only a few yards from where the house stands now.

Now occupying only three and a half of the original 380 acres, the house is currently resided in by Connie and Will Winfrey.

Connie, a history education major at Missouri Southern, and her husband have lived in the house for over a year. As active members of the Missouri Civil War Reenactment Association, the Ladies Union Aid Society, and the Federal Home Guard and Loyalty Citizenry of Jasper County, the couple is enthusiastic about the house's historical significance.

Resting on a foundation of chiseled limestone, the original L-shaped house is made up of double brick walls which range from 15 to 17 inches thick. While the foundation and the bricks are still in good condition, the mortar between the bricks is beginning to deteriorate.

The original structure contains five rooms, two upstairs and three downstairs, which are each approximately 17 feet square. Rafters are joined with wooden



pegs and nails that were made of wrought iron and have square heads.

Partially completed at the start of the Civil War, the house was used as a first aid station for wounded soldiers. According to Winfrey, Lt. Reece Crabtree, a Union officer, was treated at the house after being wounded at Pilot Grove, then a small community near Mount Hope Cemetery on North Rangeline. Crabtree was later killed by bushwackers during transportation to his base in Neosho.

It was during this time of war that bushwackers set fire to the Rothanbarger house. However, they succeeded only in charring the rafters in the kitchen.

Winfrey said the house was apparently constructed in two stages, as is attested to by the difference in the windows of the two stories of the house. The windows on the first floor have arched windows which were characteristic of the time. The windows on the second floor, however, are straight across the top, which was characteristic of architecture of a later period.

According to Winfrey, the house was found in very bad shape in the 1920's by Mrs. Graham Wood.

"She was instrumental in saving the house," said Winfrey.

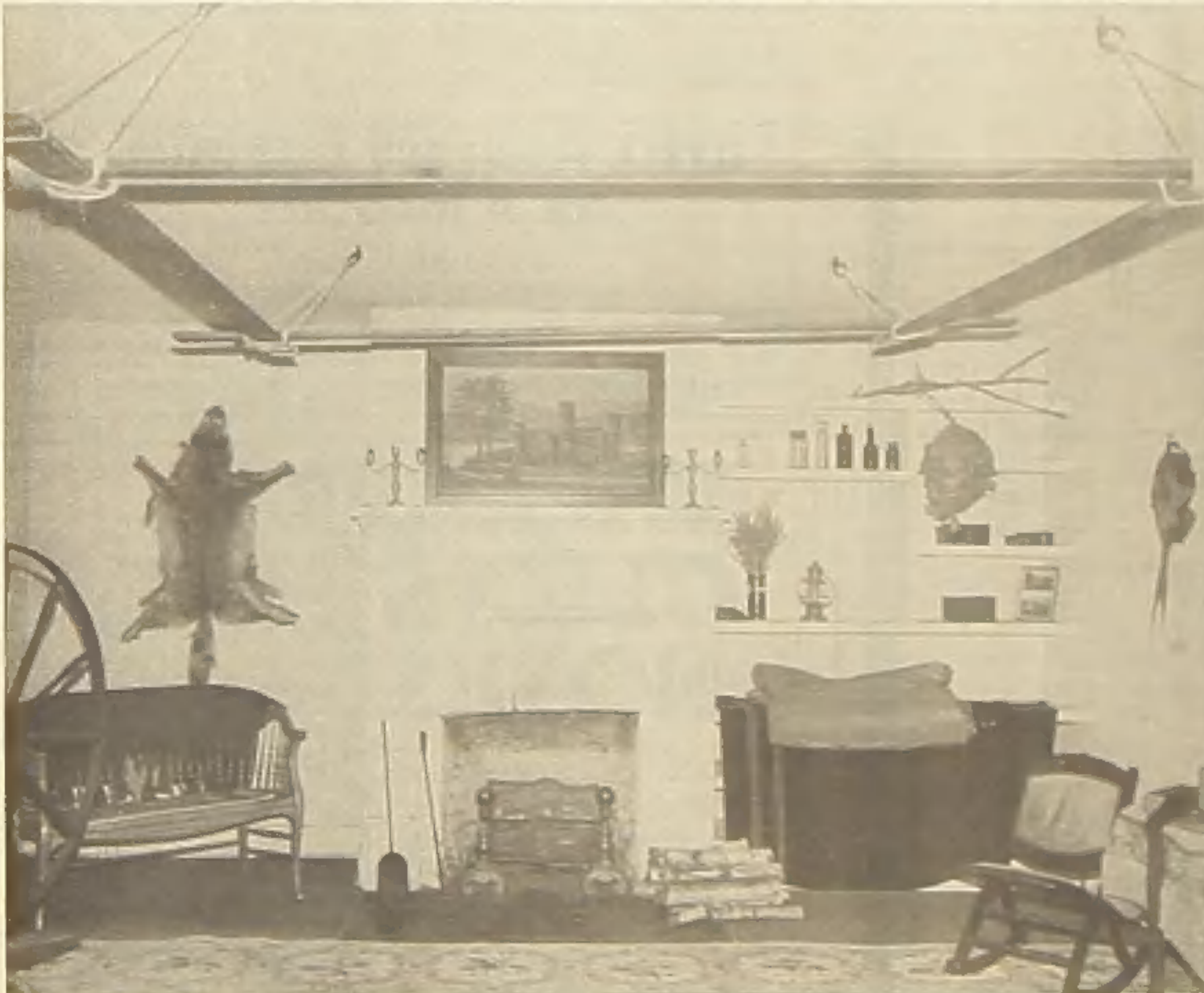
Because the house had no heat, water,

or electricity, Wood installed these necessities. At that time gas was supplied to the three original fireplaces downstairs. These fireplaces still serve as the only source of heat in the house today. During her stay in the house Wood also built a ceramic house on north side of the house. This is now used as a modern bedroom by the Winfreys.

Imbedded in the mantel of one of the fireplaces are two copper coins, each worth two cents at the time the house was constructed. One coin bears the date of 1827 and the other 1851. It is unknown if there is historical significance to the placement of the coins and the dates they bear.

More recently discovered was the original stone sidewalk which leads to the well on the east side of the house. The Winfreys found the walkway last summer while working on the yard.

Currently on Joplin's historical tour, the house was dedicated by the Daughters of the American Revolution in 1937 and is to be rededicated Saturday at 1 p.m. The celebration will include speeches by Sen. Richard Webster (R-Canthage) and DAR members. Persons in period costumes will be present, and tours of the house will be given until 3 p.m. There are hopes of a cannon salute and horse-drawn wagon rides.



(Clockwise from above) The living room of the Rothanbarger house is currently decorated with artifacts typical of the period surrounding the Civil War, this includes the antique quilting block which hangs from the ceiling. Although the house has gone through changes on the inside, such as new wall paper and new paint, this picture, taken around the late 1940's, shows little change in the house's exterior over the last 40 years. Minnieballs, which are cone-shaped rifle bullets that were used during the Civil War, may be seen embedded in the bricks of the west wall of the house. Although the spinning wheel which currently sits in the living room of the Rothanbarger house is new, it represents an everyday part of life for the people who lived during the War.



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Comedy act Comedian Taylor Mason takes part in Comedy Night held Tuesday night. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Group raises biology interests

By Lora Marsh
Staff Writer

Insects, plants, and animals are not all that members of the Biology Club think about. Although these are important, the birds and the bees are not everything.

The Biology Club considers itself "a test tube of biology majors," said Judy Cupp, club president, "but there are some people that are not biology majors that are members. We have nursing students and English majors."

"Our purpose is to raise an interest in the field of biology and to consolidate the majors."

Although a young club in its second year on campus, there are approximately 90 active members. The club formed last year after the breakup of Beta Beta Beta.

"To be in Tri-Beta you had to have a 3.5 GPA and have at least 20 hours of upper level biology," said Cupp. "We just didn't have enough members."

Since its formation, the club has been active in off-campus activities as well as those on campus.

For the past four years the club has

helped out at a reclamation project of Hanson's Cave near Anderson, Mo.

"We go down for the day and pick up trash and such," said Dr. James Jackson, faculty sponsor.

Every year the group holds an end-of-school picnic and it chooses an outstanding senior, who is presented \$50.

The club has also taken trips to various colleges and universities so students may look at the graduate programs these institutions offer.

Some of the students are also giving tours of the nature trail to Brownie troops and grade school classes, although this is not a club activity.

This spring, the Biology Club is cooperating with other campus organizations to hold a carnival-type event to raise money for a local charity. A charity has not yet been decided upon.

The officers are Judy Cupp, president; Joyce Mason, vice president; Chris Husni, secretary; Charles Keeney, treasurer; and Tim Capehart, historian.

The next meeting is scheduled for 3 p.m. Tuesday in Room 205 of Reynolds Hall.

Clubs continue spring traditions

Students develop Easter activities to raise money for charity

Students can dunk a professor and participate in an Easter egg hunt during activities co-sponsored by the Social Science and Biology clubs from 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Wednesday.

Mary Craver, president of the Social Science Club, said the idea developed as a way to raise money for a charity.

"We have always had a booth during Spring Fling to raise money for charities," she said. "When we found out there were not going to be any booths, we started

talking about what to do. We decided to ask other clubs to help us to plan activities to raise money."

Cash prizes will be in designated Easter eggs. The location for the hunt and the amount of money for cash prizes has not yet been determined, but posters will be located in all campus buildings with further information. Tickets will be available Monday afternoon from participating club members or may be purchased at the events on Wednesday.

"We will sell tickets for \$1 and students can do whatever they want," Craver said. "The money will be given to a designated charity decided upon by participating clubs."

Craver said the activities could become an annual event.

"Depending on the turnout, we would like this to be an annual event," she said. "Or if Spring Fling activities are reinstated, it could be incorporated back into Spring Fling."

Care Club helps community and campus

In a 'competitive' society, members devote time toward caring for others

By Mark Mulik
Campus Editor

With its main purpose of caring for others, the Care Club attempts to help people both on campus and off campus.

"The on-campus part is basically for students to help other students," said Nabil Husni, instructor of mathematics and faculty sponsor for the club. "This may be done by donating to help those students in need—maybe not financially but with something such as food."

"Off-campus activities include three main things: one, helping the elderly; two, helping the homeless; and three, helping the mentally disturbed."

In the buildings on Missouri Southern's campus, members of the group have placed brochures which tell how students may be able to receive help from Care Club. The brochures also inform prospective club members of how they may go about gaining membership.

"The community has been in support of the College for 50 years," said Husni. "And I feel the students owe the members of the community for all this support over the years. I think this club is really good way for the College to do this."

In the community, the club has worked with the mentally-retarded at the Sun-

shine Home for the Retarded, Husni said.

"We help the staff at the home when they don't have enough people to help," said Husni. "I would hope to have people meet with the (retarded) kids for two or three hours at a time. Especially, for this, we welcome anyone from special education classes here to become members."

Another community program the club soon plans to offer is one which will help the elderly.

"We'll get their (elderly persons') addresses and help them," said Husni. "We'll check on them regularly, buy groceries for them, and the like."

Husni said the group is planning an on-campus volleyball tournament as a fundraiser, scheduled for May 3. He said anyone on campus is invited to participate. The deadline for entry is April 25. Interested persons should contact Husni in his office (Room 212, Reynolds Hall).

He said Care Club was started by him two months ago. Currently, the club has about 20 active members.

"People are interested in our group, but they need motivation," he said. "They need that little push to become members. And in the long run, if we could get them motivated, we could get caring for others to be a habit."

The group's executive council consists

of Carole Sparks, secretary; Rebekah Williams, treasurer and coordinator for the homeless; Beth Osborn, coordinator for the elderly; Paige Duquette, coordinator for the mentally retarded; Bruce Johnson, coordinator for the College campus; and Cheryl Krumsick, coordinator for social activities.

"I didn't like the idea of having a president and vice president," he said. "In Care Club, we call them coordinators to make the officers feel equal."

As of yet, Husni is the only faculty sponsor. He said he would like to see more faculty involvement with the group.

"I'm going to suggest to the education department that they offer some kind of credit in a course for doing service work in the community—maybe for one hour of credit," he said.

Care Club meets from 7 p.m. to 8 p.m. every other Tuesday in Room 306 of the Billingsly Student Center. The group will be meeting this Tuesday.

Membership is open to anyone and dues are paid by donation only. Interested persons may join by contacting Husni or by attending the meeting.

"Society is becoming too competitive and is becoming too involved with money," said Husni. "People need to devote time toward caring more for one another."

18 students qualify for international association

Economic students at Missouri Southern have been initiated into an international honor society.

Omicron Delta Epsilon recognizes scholastic achievements in economics by college students.

The requirements for membership include being a junior or senior, have an overall grade point average of 3.0 or better, and have at least nine hours of

economic courses with a grade point average of 3.0 or better.



Eighteen students were recently initiated into the organization with Dr. Charles E. Leitle, professor of business, as their faculty adviser. On campus there is a total of 50 members, but the Southern chapter has nearly 500 lifetime members.

The new Omicron Delta Epsilon members are: Marcy Atkinson, Jim Banks, Cheryl Beatty, Brenda Crow, Dixie

Engelage, Beth Hood, Patricia House, James Krull, James Lynn, Garry McClelland, Dolores Motley, Linda Rowland, Pamela Sharpersteen, Stanley Smith, Darin Stratton, Christine Tidman, Gloria Townsend, and Brook Tunnel.

Each November the organization gets together and holds a banquet to recognize the achievements of its members and give awards for scholastic achievement.

Upcoming Events

Today	Baseball double-header vs. School of the Ozarks 4 p.m. here	Newman Club 5 p.m. BSC 311	Movie 7:30 and 9:30 p.m. Barn Theatre <i>Crossroads</i>	Play: 'A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum' 8 p.m. Taylor Auditorium
Tomorrow	GOOD FRIDAY	Narcotics Anonymous noon BSC 311	Softball Missouri Western Invitational Tournament away Friday & Saturday	
Weekend		EASTER SUNDAY		
Monday			Honors Colloquium 2 p.m. BSC 311	
Tuesday		Industrial arts fair 8 a.m. to 5 p.m. 3rd floor BSC	Care Club 7 p.m. BSC 306	'The Young Ambassadors' 8 p.m. Taylor Auditorium
Wednesday	Softball double-header vs. Pittsburg State 3 p.m. here	Baseball double-header vs. Evangel 4 p.m. here	Mud volleyball tournament For info: call 625-9320	Student Senate 5:30 p.m. BSC 310

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Alumni aid exhibit for anniversary

In commemoration of the 50th anniversary of Missouri Southern, an art exhibition of work by alumni will be organized.

The Spiva Art Center is inviting graduates or precursors of Joplin Junior College to submit artworks for consideration. The artworks must have been done in the past four years. Artists may submit up to four pieces of art, but no more than two will be accepted for display per artist.

Due to the lack of space, the artwork submitted will be selected for display from slides. Slides from prospective exhibitors are due by July 15. Shortly after the slides are received, artists will be notified as to whether their work was accepted or rejected. Exhibitors must send accepted artwork by August 10.

Jurors for the exhibition are Harry Krug, chairman of the department of art at Pittsburg State University, and Dwaine Crigger, associate professor of art at Southwest Missouri State University.

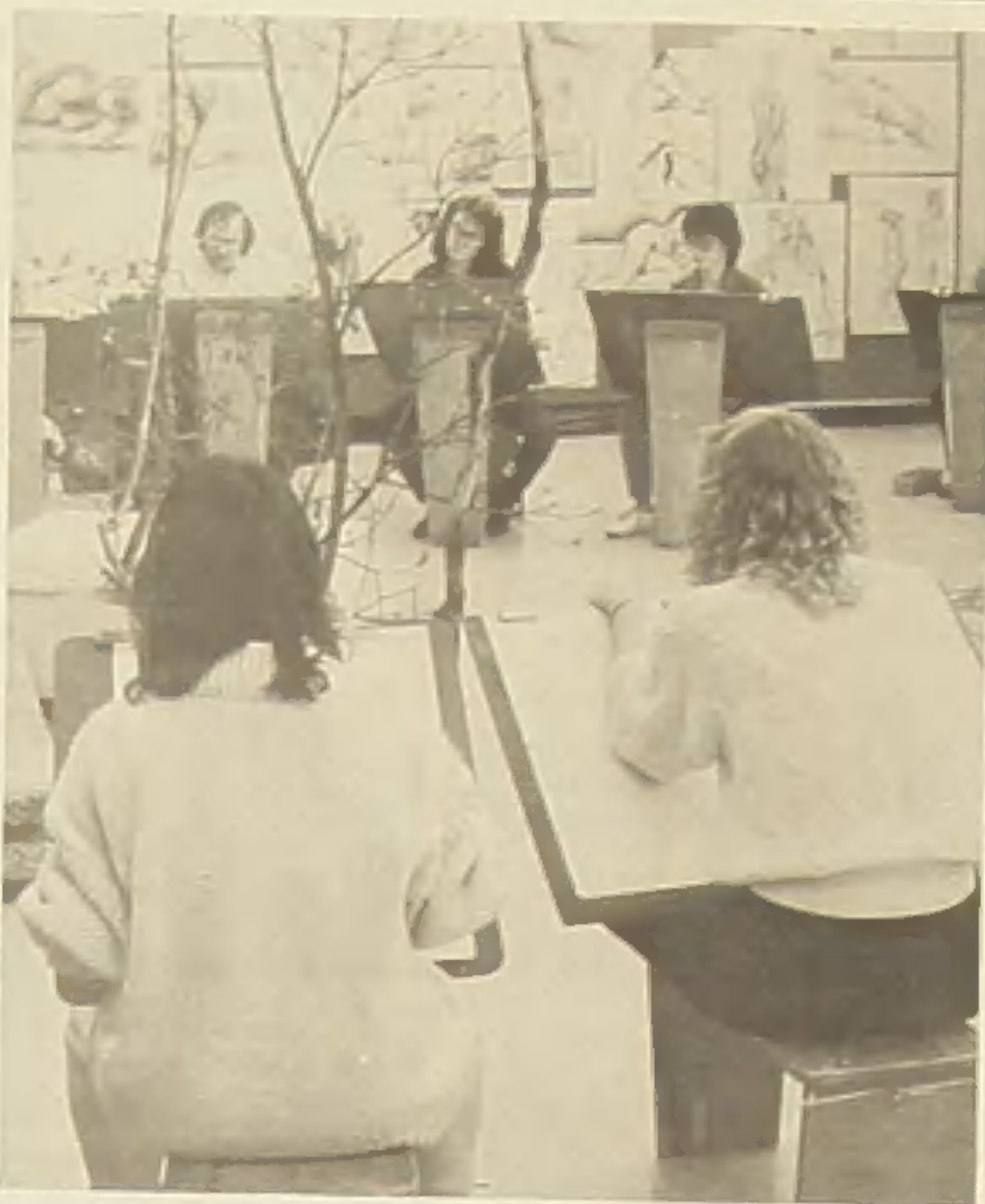
There are no restrictions in regard to medium nor is there an entry fee. Two-dimensional work may not exceed 80"x60" in measurement and three-dimensional work may not exceed 150 lbs. in weight. All artwork to be displayed must be able to pass through a 36" wide doorway.

Work must be delivered in a reusable crate or hand delivered. Costs for shipping are the responsibility of the individual artist. Artwork will be returned to artists collect or can be picked up if it was hand delivered after the conclusion of the exhibit.

While on the campus of the College, all artwork will be fully insured. Encouraging the sales of the artwork displayed, Spiva will retain 25 per cent commission on any artwork sold out of the exhibition or as a direct result of the exhibition.

Publicizing the exhibition will be a printed poster. All entrants will receive one as well as an exhibition checklist.

Anyone interested in submitting artwork for the exhibition may contact the Spiva Art Center for further information.



Practice Ed Wong Ligda's beginning drawing class practices drawing tree limbs. (Photos by Rick Evans)

Vocal students join Southern

High school singers to gain experience with College

Area high school vocal music students will be joining the Missouri Southern Collegiates and the choir for the College's spring choir concert.

"We invite all the area high schools to send a mixed quartet to the concert," said Dr. F. Joe Sims, professor of choral music at Southern.

This year 14 schools responded to the invitation and will be joining the choir for three songs at the end of the concert. They will be performing Lekberg's "O, God, Thou Art my God," "Hallelujah," from the "Mount of Olives" by Beethoven, and "My

Lord's Always There," arranged by Raymond.

"We invite the high school students so they can gain experience singing with a large group," said Sims, "and to give them a chance to sing more difficult selections."

The high school students came to rehearse with Southern's choir last Wednesday and will return at 4:30 p.m. Thursday, April 23, to rehearse again. They then will have dinner in the cafeteria before performing at 7:30 p.m. in Taylor Auditorium.

Society presents 'Mother'

Russian classic is one of 12 best films in history

Presenting the 13th program in the current International Film Festival, the Missouri Southern Film Society will show the Russian classic *Mother*.

The film will be shown at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday in the Connor Ballroom of the Billingsly Student Center.

Regarded by critics as one of the outstanding films of the silent period, *Mother* was directed by V.I. Pudovkin. It has often been compared to Sergei Eisenstein's monumental *Potemkin* made a year earlier. Depicting an aspect of the abortive 1905 revolt, *Mother* is similar to *Potemkin*. Pudovkin is most interested in specific human problems with universal significance. Whereas, Eisenstein places emphasis on abstract heroes, Pudovkin's three protagonists are all members of the same family. Each personify in a very

poignant way the forces in Russia in 1905.

Concerning *Mother's* critical recognition, it has been chosen as one of the "Twelve Best Films of All Time" in a 26-nation poll of 117 film historians at the 1958 Brussels World Exposition.

In *The Film and The Public*, Roger Manvell said the film "is as good an example as any of the high degree of imaginative expression which could be achieved by the motion picture alone. This film holds its own against time."

Paula Rotha, in *The Film Till Now*, said, "It is impossible to describe the emotional effect of this film. Without hesitation, I place it amongst the finest works in the history of the cinema."

Adults are admitted for \$1.50. Senior citizens and students are admitted for \$1.

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work, shouldn't you also be "fired" if you miss deadlines for papers consistently or if you miss an exam or several classes because you have been assigned to the day shift? What if you can't get to the library to do research for a paper because you have to be at work at 1:00 and you don't get off until 10:00 five nights a week? Why put pressure on the professor to extend the deadline or arrange for a makeup? You wouldn't or you couldn't put similar pressure on very many bosses.

You may think that I have very little sympathy for the working student. On the contrary, I understand the situation quite well. I have been here too long not to have noticed the stress that students place on themselves by juggling college courses with full-time work. Yet I also realize that by making special arrangements for our working students we faculty are compounding the problem and—what is worse—sending the wrong signals to all our students.

First, we send you the signal that the college course is less important than the job you have. Honestly, a \$3.35 an hour job at McDonald's or at K-Mart does not share the same status as a Biology 100, Math 110, Communications 100, or English 102 class, even if these are just lower-level general education courses. And even if you are paid \$30,000 or more in a management position while going to college full-time as well, those courses must be more important than your work, or else you would not be putting yourself through the pressure of being here in the first place.

Second, we inadvertently tell you that missing deadlines is all right, so long as you can catch up sometime later. I doubt that your future employers will subscribe to that belief. All good jobs demand work to be done by a deadline, if not sooner. Besides, learning to make deadlines is important regardless of context. It instills discipline, pushes us to our capacity and sometimes beyond, and promotes self-confidence when the task is complete.

done well, and on time. We would be remis at Missouri Southern if we did not set deadlines and expect them to be met. We would not be training you for success.

Finally, if you allow the demands of your present job to supersede the demands of your college work, especially if you depend upon bargaining with your professor in hand in the work late or in make it up, then you will learn the false notion that you can plead and bargain your way out of suffering the consequences of your own mistakes. You may learn to cite extenuating circumstances that keep you from doing your job well and on time rather than accepting the responsibility for your actions or lack of actions. Very few people that I know want to cope with whiners on the job. Therefore, we ought not to train you to be whiners here at Missouri Southern.

But, alas, sometimes we do. I have been guilty of it, especially for students caught on the horns of the dilemma, asked to choose between work and school. I am too good-natured to demand that students choose college coursework over the job, but I really am not doing them a favor.

You full-time student/employees, you can save me a great deal of moral anguish by making the choice for me. Choose to work fewer hours. Choose to take fewer college courses a semester. Or choose to work full-time for several years in order to save up enough to go to school full-time for a couple of years. Make those deadlines at work; make them at MSSC. But don't place yourself in a situation in which you must choose between the two. We know that you will be choosing the job over the coursework. And if we relent, we may foster a bad habit that could carry over into the workplace. And do you know what the result might be? Ultimately we may find you back in college for retraining in a completely different field where, God help us all, the cycle may begin again. This is not what a college education is all about; this is what hell is like.

Book researches methods and models

Steere's manuscript on classroom management will hit market by end of year

Entering into a contract with Bob Steere, the State University of New York Press will publish his manuscript on classroom management.

Becoming An Effective Classroom Manager, which the book will be titled, is scheduled to be on the market by the end of the year in both hard- and softback copies.

"The book is somewhat unique," said

Steere, professor of education at Missouri Southern, "because it is based upon research findings and not basic education myths."

Steere has used the past three years to gather his research and write the manuscript which is based on his findings and experience as a teacher and administrator.

"The readers have said the appendix is worth the price of the book alone," Steere

said, "and is something trainees or experienced teachers can use to improve their methods."

"The book talks about different models teachers can adopt, or other methods are presented to develop their own models."

Teaching Science in the Elementary School and Perspective for Teachers are self-published manuscripts Steere has formerly completed.



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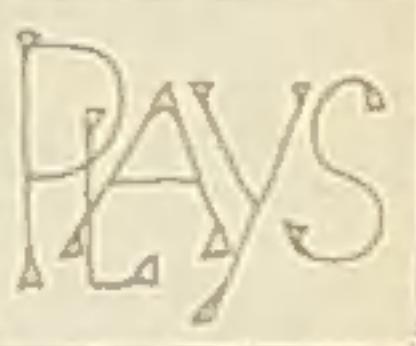
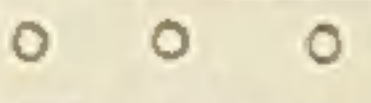
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Citizens picket Main Street News Joplin organization attempting to 'prove something obscene'

By Rob Smith
City News Editor

While Citizens for Decency through Law picketed the Main Street News and Arcade Saturday, the group does more than stage protests.

According to Gary Wheat, Saturday's picket was used to draw attention to a pornography problem at Main Street News, located at 833 Main in Joplin.

"They (Main Street News) know not to bother us," said Wheat, who was data processing manager at Missouri Steel Casting for 16 years before it became defunct. "When you're picketing, you don't want to get into a shouting match with anyone. The people were generally well behaved."

Wheat has been the head of CDL for the past year and a half. Ben Alexander previously headed the local organization. The national group was founded by Charles Keating.

"The national organization is headquartered in Arizona," Wheat said. "We're trying to make sure the laws on decency are held up."

Wheat said most of the group's operations are against "obscenity," and that the organization works to "prove something obscene." Community standards enter into the problem, according to Wheat.

"A lot of people think we are for censorship," Wheat said. "Obscenity is not protected by the First Amendment."

Earl Copilevitz, a lawyer representing Main Street News and Arcade, said the

store is a private club and requires membership for several reasons.

"The reason it is a private club is to keep those who object from entering," Copilevitz said. "It also keeps an unsuspecting person from wondering in."

Copilevitz said the material in the store is "aimed at an adult-only audience."

According to Ben Bull, an attorney for CDL, the first obscenity standards were established in 1712 in Massachusetts. A 1969 case determined that it was legal to possess obscenity in the privacy of a person's home. Four years later, several cases said local community standards should be established concerning pornography.

In 1977, Young vs. Mini-theatres legalized zoning for all pornography activities. Reasons for the zoning included increases in crime in some neighborhoods and decreases in property value.

Wheat said his reasons for becoming involved in CDL had little to do with these cases.

"I got into this because I had some boys going down to 7-Eleven to get candy bars and coming back telling what they read," he said.

"Most young men perceive their first image of a woman in these magazines," said Judith Reisman, a former research professor at American University in Washington, D.C.

Wheat said Mothers Against Pornography, another Joplin group trying to stop pornography, is a splinter group of CDL. His wife heads that organization.

"There are two major crime groups that back these places," Wheat said. "An

FBI agent said these stores are involved with the mob. I'm not saying the manager, or even the owner, is involved with the mob."

Wheat has been inside Main Street News and Arcade twice. Once was on Sept. 24, 1985, when he made a detailed account of what he saw.

Some of the things Wheat said were at the location during his visit included "approximately 12 booths that contained a television and a coin machine," magazines ranging from Playboy to The Gay Advocate, "sex toys," and condoms.

Wheat said some of the video rooms had "holes in the side of the booths."

"They call them glory holes," Wheat said. "You can contract some kind of weird sex. I don't know, I call it weird."

According to Newsweek magazine, "the pornography industry in America is estimated to be a \$6.8 billion a year business, and some law enforcement officials contend that it provides the third largest income for organized crime."

Wheat said he has not only attempted to close the establishment based on pornography, but has also attempted to prove it a health hazard. He said some women in CDL have entered Main Street News to collect tissues.

"Some ladies went in there," Wheat said, "and tried to get some of this (proof) and actually saw a man masturbating."

"Our (city) officials have said they are breaking the law. Why don't they do something about it?"



Demonstration Protesters picketed Main Street News and Arcade at 833 Main on Saturday. (Chart photo by Sean Vanslyke)

Parents of seniors prepare all-night party for graduation

By Rob Smith
City News Editor

Last year there were 22 student deaths and 864 injuries associated with high school proms and graduations in Missouri.

In an attempt to curb some of those totals, at least 250 Joplin High School seniors will participate in Project Graduation '87.

Project Graduation '87 will kick off at 9:30 p.m. on May 21 at Olympic Fitness Center in Joplin. Students will leave the fitness center near 5 a.m. to have breakfast.

According to Virginia Hogan, co-chairperson along with Steve Lenger, the no-alcohol, no-drug party will be to give the seniors one last memory from high school.

"Across the country, during graduation week, kids are involved in alcohol and

drug-related accidents," Hogan said. "One of the main reasons Project Graduation got started is to let young people know they can have a great party and not be dependent on alcohol or drugs of any kind."

Dr. Vernon Hudson, principal at Joplin High School, said interest in the event has increased since the idea was originally presented.

"There were about 75 to 80 people at the first meeting," Hudson said. "At the second meeting there were more parents than at the first meeting."

"We knew there had to be some parent involvement."

Committees were formed to take care of particular aspects of the upcoming event. Food, decorations, entertainment, publicity, fund raising, and guidelines and ticket sales are the names of committees overseeing certain parts of the event.

These committees, headed by different parents, are coordinated by Hogan and

Lenger.

"We originally thought if we could get \$22,000 we could give them a good time," Hogan said.

Hogan said organizers have raised about 25 per cent of the \$22,000. She said a more realistic total might be in the neighborhood of \$12,000 to \$15,000.

Sixty to 70 businesses have made donations in support of the event, but Hogan said she will continue to seek financial support.

The evening will include a live band from 10 p.m. to midnight, a remote broadcast by Z-103 from midnight to 3 a.m., and a disc jockey during the last two hours.

"There are not enough people in the community who know about it," Hogan said. "We are working toward a new car."

Hogan said the car would be raffled to one of the seniors at the party. A 10-speed bicycle and a cocker spaniel have also

been donated to be given away.

Students have been involved in several promotions for the party.

"Students bought tickets in April for \$2 and for \$3 in May," Hogan said. "They also got T-shirts to wear."

Hogan said the money from the students would be put back into Project Graduation.

Project Graduation originated in Maine in 1983. The Missouri Division of Highway Safety introduced the idea to Missouri in the spring of 1984. It used Parkview High School in Springfield as the pilot project. Over 100 high schools in Missouri have been affected by the project. Webb City High School participated in Project Graduation last year and will take part again this spring.

"It's a national movement," Hogan said. "We don't want them (students) waking up the next morning reading of a dead classmate."

Hogan said Joplin seniors "put together" a three-minute video about Project Graduation. The video was shown to the Joplin City Council on April 6. Hogan and Lenger asked the support of the Council and received at least one financial donation.

Hogan said she is hoping for high participation in Project Graduation.

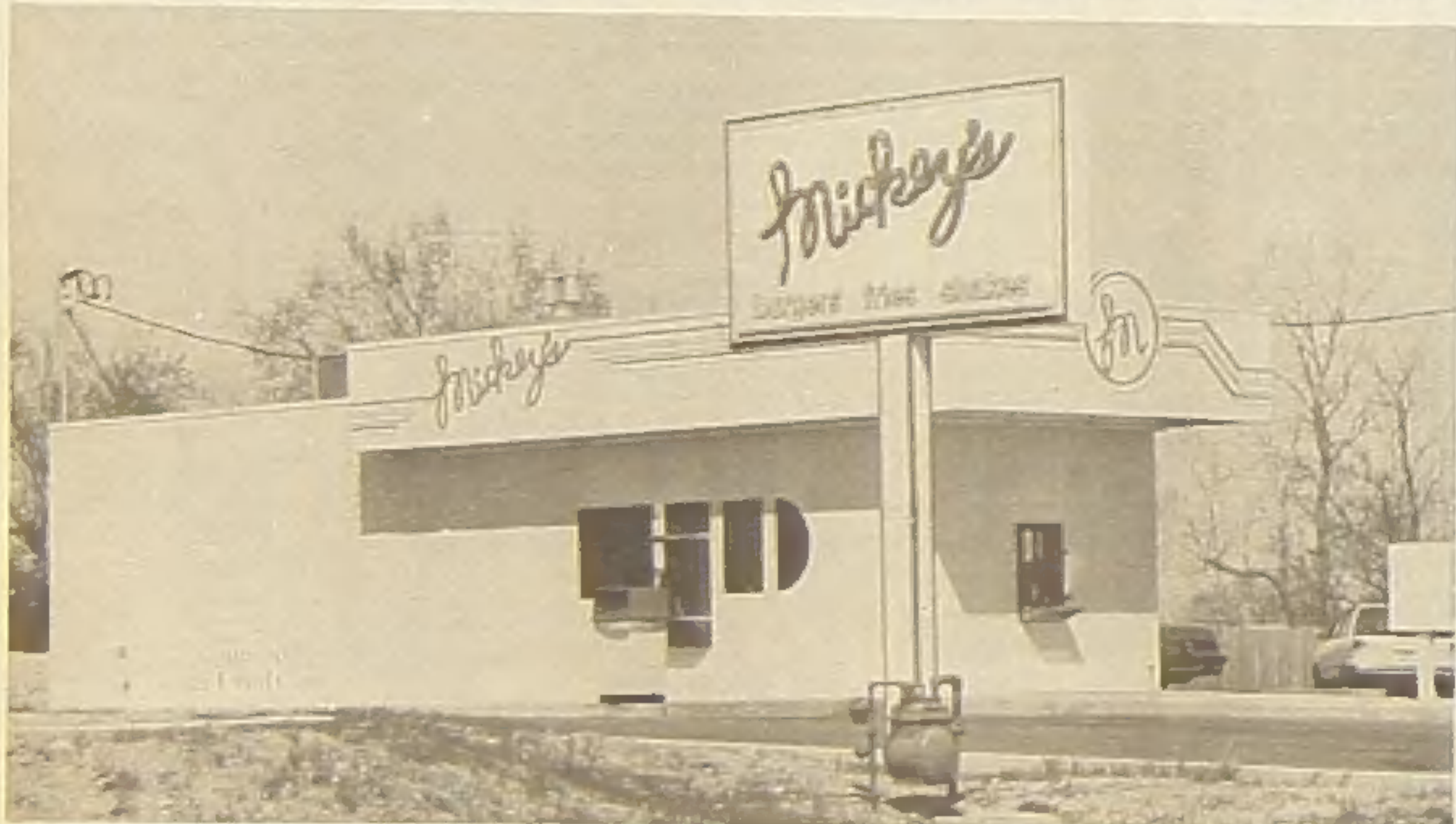
"I think it's a wish," she said. "I would be thrilled with 100 per cent participation, but for various reasons there's just not going to be everybody there."

"If we get 350, I will be very pleased."

Hudson said if participation exceeds 75 per cent, it would be a "monumental accomplishment."

Hogan said some interest from parents of junior and sophomore parents has been expressed.

"Dr. Hudson has had calls from junior and sophomore parents asking when they can start on theirs."



Fast food Mickey's Burgers to Go has two locations in Joplin. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

Shoemaker to direct Mukilteo schools

Superintendent submits written resignation to school board's president

At Tuesday's meeting of the R-8 Board of Education, Dr. James Shoemaker presented his written resignation to Board President Susan Saterlee.

Shoemaker, who has served as R-8 superintendent since 1978, will take over a superintendent position in Mukilteo, Wash., a city about 25 miles north of Seattle. Shoemaker calls the move a "career advancement." The Mukilteo district contains about 7,300 students.

"I'm going to miss a lot about Joplin," Shoemaker said. "It's a good community. We've made a lot of friends, and we're leaving a very good school district."

Shoemaker had been looking into a job opportunity in Wichita, Kan., before making the final decision on Mukilteo. Shoemaker said Washington is a totally new area for his family.

Last year, Shoemaker earned \$65,000 plus the use of a new car. His first salary as superintendent, in 1978, was \$35,000. The Mukilteo school district will provide an annual income of about \$90,000.

Shoemaker said the school board was somewhat surprised with his resignation.

"I think they were disappointed, but I think they were happy for me," he said. "They realize it's a career advancement."

Shoemaker's resignation is effective Ju-

ly 1. In the meantime, the Board will hire a consultant to assist in finding a new superintendent.

During his nine years as superintendent, the Board placed libraries in each Joplin elementary school, encouraged the organization of the Chemical People Task Force, and developed a scholarship fund for students.

Shoemaker and his wife, Phyllis, will take their two youngest children to Mukilteo. Their oldest son, who is a senior at Joplin High School, will attend the University of Missouri-Columbia this fall.

Mickey's Burgers serves drive-through customers

By George Kelly
Staff Writer

For the past year, Mickey's Burgers to Go has survived the rivalrous world of fast-food service with what its founders call "the best burger in town."

In April 1986 Mickey's introduced Joplin to the concept of a total drive-through refreshment center. At that time, the business opened its first building on West Seventh Street. In July a second building was opened on South Rangeline.

"The name of our business comes from Mickey Stanley," said Larry Kloepfel, owner. "Mickey and I conceived the idea, and later I bought his half of the business and kept the name."

According to Kloepfel, there are other fast-food businesses in the United States which are operated similar to the Mickey's style of operation.

Mickey's is constructed so that one drive-through lane is available on both sides of the building. Both lanes have menu boards listing such items as hamburgers, cheeseburgers, fries, shakes, and soft drinks. Ordering is done by the customer via a voice-activated microphone. The cashier "keys in" the menu on the computerized register which is linked to a CRT stationed overhead for the other employees to see. The order is then paid for and picked up at the service window.

The success of the execution of rapidly prepared orders is credited to Doug Myers, operations manager.

"We're a kitchen with windows," said Myers. "The double drive-through is effective because the movement of employees is out instead of in."

The arrangement of the appliances inside eliminates the need for counters.

"We can focus on customer service because there are no lobbies or tables to

keep clean," said Kerri Willis, employee. "We are able to work in a more relaxed atmosphere."

Myers said Mickey's will not skimp on advertising. He believes radio and newspapers provide the best means of advertisement for the demographics the business caters.

Myers said most of the customers are between the ages of 35-40.

Both Mickey's locations employ 15 people, most of whom are students.

"The operation usually needs at least eight people during our busiest times," Myers said.

New employees at Mickey's are not faced with complicated jobs.

"Anyone who can read can work effectively the first time through," said Myers. "We try to make it as simple as possible to eliminate the guesswork."

The Mickey's located on Seventh Avenue recently closed for the purpose of complete remodeling.

"We found the production at this location to be slower than the Rangeline location because of the interior arrangement," Myers said.

Myers believes the Mickey's hamburger is better than the competition because Mickey's fries only one side and broils the other to keep the juices locked inside.

The future looks good for Mickey's, according to Kloepfel and Myers. Another Mickey's is under construction in Neosho.

"We don't want to overexpand," said Myers. "We probably will expand more—it's just a question of when."

The primary goal of Mickey's is to produce the hamburger efficiently.

"If an order is messed up, it will be corrected or the customer's money will be returned," said Anita Epperson, assistant manager. "Our goal is 100 per cent customer satisfaction."

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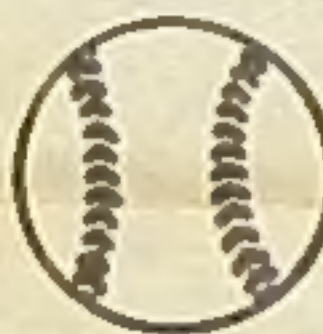
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Baseball

Upcoming Games
(Home games in all caps)

4-16	S. of OZARKS	4:00
4-18	Mo. Western	1:30
4-22	EVANGEL	4:00
4-24	CSIC Tourney	TBA



Softball

Upcoming Games
(Home games in all caps)

4-17	Mo. West. Inv.	TBA
4-18	Mo. West. Inv.	TBA
4-22	PITTSBURG ST.	3:00
4-24	CSIC Tourney	TBA
4-25	CSIC Tourney	TBA



Soccer

Varsity Schedule
(Home games in all caps)

8-29	ALUMNI	4:00
9-2	BENEDICTINE	7:30
9-5	NE OKLAHOMA	4:00
9-7	Westminster	4:00
9-9	Tulsa	7:30
9-11	MO. VALLEY	7:30
9-14	Rockhurst	3:30
9-19	William Jewell	1:30
9-23	AVILA	3:30



Intramurals Softball Results

Bad Attitudes def.
And They're Moist, 13-9

Jerry's Kids def.
Sluggers, 9-8

Bad Attitudes def.
Sluggers, 11-4

Jerry's Kids def. And
They're Moist, 7-1

Last Chance def.
Gophers, 8-5

U.S. def. Longballs 10-9

Longballs def.
Gophers, 12-1

Last Chance def.
U.S., 10-9

SMSU's Milt McGee joins Southern team

Point guard seeks more playing time

By Tony Wilson
Staff Writer

Southwest Missouri State is still celebrating its post-season performance in the NCAA Tournament. One Bear, however, is being fitted for a new uniform—a Lions uniform.

Milt McGee, a sophomore point guard from Springfield's Central High School, confirmed yesterday his intentions to enroll at Missouri Southern for the fall semester.

He brings his 6-foot-1 frame to the Lions, fresh from a two-year stint with the Division I Bears. McGee was highly recruited by both SMSU and Southern during his high school career.

"We are very familiar with Milton, having watched him play and recruiting him out of Central," said Southern Head Coach Chuck Williams. "His two years at SMS has done nothing but make him better."

McGee is the second SMSU player to depart from the fold this week. Freshman Kevin Cheffey announced Monday that he would not return to the Bears next season, but

would accept a basketball scholarship at nearby Drury College.

The glaring question surrounding the decisions of both McGee and Cheffey is why they would take themselves off a NCAA Division I team to play in the small college rankings?

The answer is just as glaring—playing time, or in the words of the immortal Dick Vitale: "P.T. baby...P.T.!"

McGee saw action in 27 SMSU games in his second season. Cheffey played in nine varsity games.

Both players made their decisions after meeting individually with SMSU Head Coach Charlie Spoonhour.

"We talk a lot about where things are, and I don't ever sugar-coat things," Spoonhour told the *Springfield News-Leader* Monday.

Similar situations exist both at Drury and Missouri Southern. The teams suffered considerable losses in terms of starters at the season's close. Both teams will be looking to fill the gaps.

"I think he (McGee) feels he will see more playing time at Missouri Southern," said Williams.

Lady Lions seeded first

The Lady Lions would rather have prepared for this weekend's tournament by playing Northeastern State University. But bad weather moved the team inside Young Gymnasium yesterday.

Southern will take part in the Missouri Western Invitational this weekend. The double-elimination tournament will feature 17 teams. The Lady Lions are seeded first by virtue of their championship finish in last year's event.

"I don't know a lot about the tournament," said Head Coach Pat Lipira. "There are some teams we have not played before that will be there."

Southern will open tournament play at 9 a.m. tomorrow against Columbia College. Five wins would give the team its second straight tourney championship.

Runs, both offensive and defensive, concern the Lady Lions this weekend.

"We are still giving up a lot of unearned runs on defense," said Lipira. "If we are going to do that, we are going to have to score more ourselves in order to win."

This problem was evident last weekend as the Lady Lions finished third in the Washburn Invitational, bringing their record to 22-11.

Southern fell to the number two-ranked team in the country, Oklahoma City, 2-0, and dropped a disappointing outing to Central Oklahoma 4-2.

"Oklahoma City deserved to win that game," said Lipira. "They made no errors and did not help us a bit. The loss to Central was disappointing. They did everything they could to give us the game."

Lipira said the highlight of the tournament was the continued consistency of the Southern pitching staff, in particular, the no-hitter by Christi Tidman.

Tidman, now 14-5, blanked PSU 3-0 in the first game of the tournament for her first no-hitter as a Lady Lion.

"It was exciting to get the no-hitter," said Tidman. "I have had several one-hitters. I didn't feel like I was pitching that well. They waited on me a lot and did not swing at strikes, but they would go after the bad pitches."

Sidelines:

Presenting 'A' through 'Z' of Southern athletics

By Rob Smith
Sports Columnist

While past sports columns have dealt with subjects such as the perfect baseball fan and how boxing relates to golf, this column may deal with every subject (or possibly none at all).

As a Sesame Street fan and someone who knows every single letter of the alphabet, I'm going to try to tie each letter to some aspect of Missouri Southern athletics. Some parts may rhyme, others will not. Quiet, please.

A la peanut butter sandwiches! Poof!

A is for Anita Rank, Who never missed a shot. You can take it to the bank, Her play was really hot.

B is for Jim Baranoski, There's only one rhyme here. I think I'll just give up, And have another beer.

C is for Chris Tuggle, A dunker with a lot of gut. He ran past several defenders, Loved to slash and cut.

D is for Greg Dageforde, Was a back on the grid team. He ran nearly 300 yards one day, But only in his dreams.

E stands for Dave Evans, Who is in his sixth year. He coaches football players, Wants each to run like a deer.

F is for Jim Frazier, Who gave inspirational talks. He won a lot of games, Drew plays with pieces of chalk.

G is for Greg Garton, Who used to play here. He's the all-time leading scorer, Liked looking in a mirror.

H stands for Ray Hamilton, Who played quarterback. He was always in trouble, Oh no, another QB sack.

I is for interception, Ray didn't throw them much. But when he did throw them, It was always in the clutch.

J stands for Joe Janiak, Who is a good batter. I could say he's the catcher, But it doesn't really matter.

K is for Jim Kriessler, Who has a high GPA. He plans to go to Oxford, Will earn a degree someday.

L is for Steve Langhauser, Basketball public address man. He did a good job last year, This year's sat on their can.

M stands for Marvin Townsend, Played basketball and sang. Landing from a rebound, He made the floor go bang.

The letter N is for Nowak, Jamie was his name. He weighed in at 240, Defensive linemen he did maim.

O is for Amy Oberdieck, A lady basketball star. There's no rhyme here, Couldn't get another O word.

P is for Panthers, The one and only Drury kind. In all three games, It was as if they were blind.

Q is for quick, Reggie led them down the floor. A pass to Townsend or Tuggle, Led to another score.

R stands for rowdy, The fans were that a bit. They threw toilet paper, Putting the referee on the spot.

S stands for Shelley Hodges, A volleyball spiker. Her team ran over its opponents, Like Hells Angels' bikers.

T might be for Tidman, A softball pitching star. She throws a mean fastball, Teams can't hit it very far.

U stands for underdog, A Lion team without much luck. Without an occasional victory, You could say they really...

V could go with victory, You can't win enough for me. I hope Lipira's team wins a title, This I would like to see.

W might be for Fred Warden, A tricky lefty from Parkwood. Playing with him years ago, He could hit the ball good.

X could mean excitement, Though it doesn't start with X. Again, there's no rhyme here, You think of a rhyme for X.

Y because we like you, Rhymes keep getting tougher. We need a defensive lineman, Who plays a little rougher.

Z stands for Kevin Ziegler, Who was Mister 10. He even played football, Was plagued with original sin.

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Slides safely

Senior outfielder Jim Kriessler dives back safely to first base against Culver-Stockton in the Lions' last home appearance. (Chart photo by JoAnn Hollis)

ORU clubs Lions, 16-5

Southern hosts School of Ozarks tomorrow

By Richie Kilmer
Staff Writer

Oral Roberts University used a six-run third inning to carry it to a 16-5 win over Missouri Southern Tuesday night at Tulsa.

The Titans pounded out 18 hits, including four home runs, off four Lions pitchers.

Southern jumped out to an early 1-0 lead in the third when sophomore shortstop Steve Cole, subbing for injured starter Rick Berg, rapped an RBI double off ORU starter Greg Oram.

The Titans answered in their half of the third. Second baseman Steve Hecht belted a three-run homer, Mike Shambaugh hit a two-run double, and Bob Zupic added a sacrifice fly to put ORU on top, 6-1.

But the Lions rallied in the fifth. Dennis Shanks drew a lead-off walk. Cole singled for his second hit of the game, then Colon Kelly smacked a three-run homer to left. Second baseman Dale Rice doubled, and Mark Handel drove him home with a sacrifice fly to put the Lions back in the game.

ORU then added six runs in the sixth, one in the seventh, and two in the eighth to put the Lions away.

Kelly, Rice, and Cole each had two hits to lead Southern's nine-hit attack.

"We have no excuses. They're simply a good hitting ballclub," said Lions Head Coach Warren Turner.

Turner felt, however, that the long layoff, due in part to rain and a relatively light schedule last week, might have played a part in the Lions' poor showing.

"Any time you have a layoff like that," said Turner, "it doesn't help. It affects our hitters, causing our timing to be off a little."

The Lions are at home tomorrow against School of the Ozarks before facing Missouri Western in a crucial double-header Saturday at St. Joseph.

"We need to win at least one to represent Missouri in the conference tournament, to be held at a Kansas site this year," explained Turner.

As the Lions wind up their regular season and prepare for the post-season, Turner is optimistic about his team's chances.

"Not everybody's hitting," explained Turner. "We've got some guys in slumps now, but I feel we're peaking at the right time. I'm pleased with the way we're playing right now."

The Lions' game at Arkansas, rained out Monday night, was rescheduled for April 29 at 7 p.m. No date has yet been set for the game at William Jewell that was rained out yesterday.

Lions win golf meet

Foul weather and waterlogged fairways made the playing difficult for the Missouri Southern golf team, but the Lions won their first tournament of the year this week in Osage Beach.

Rain caused the first round of the meet to be postponed after the Lions had played just four holes on Monday. On Tuesday the teams finished the first 18 holes and also the last 18.

"The course at Tan-Tar-A is one of the finest courses anywhere," said Lions Head Coach Bill Cox, "but the course was soaked and the officials made the players play the ball down, and that made a tough course even tougher."

The Lions outscored their closest opponent by 16 strokes. Lowell Catron paced the Lions with a score of 181. Catron earned medalist honors for the NAIA schools in the meet.

The conference tournament will be held April 24-25 at Junction City, Kan. There are no meets for the Lions before the conference tournament.

"This will give us time to prepare for the tournament," said Cox. "The team is working well together, and we should do well."

Last Thursday and Friday the Lions hosted the annual Crossroads of America Golf Tournament at Loma Linda and Twin Hills Country Clubs. The Lions placed their first squad sixth in the meet out of 21 teams.

Todd Miller paced the Lions in the Crossroads, finishing tied for 11th place with a score of 155. Kirk Neill, Doug Lansdown, and Philip James finished in the top 50.

"In the Crossroads we really came into our own," said Cox. "We moved from 12th place in the tournament on the first day to finish sixth."

The Lions have a young team this year, sending three freshmen to the tournaments: Miller, James, and Lansdown. The others on the five-man traveling squad, who have traveled to all of the meets, are Neill and Catron.

Selection for the traveling squad comes out of a 10-man roster. Before the first tournament qualifying rounds were played, and the five lowest scores were selected to the squad. After the first meet the top three finishers got automatic seeds in the next tournament, this continuing meet to meet. The last two spots on the traveling squad are left open, and a qualifying round is played to determine who will travel with the squad.

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McDonald County offers activities for outdoorsmen

By Kevin Keller
Staff Writer

Rolling hills and riverways in McDonald County invite the outdoorsmen to an Ozark adventure. Camping and canoeing have become a major business for the area, which attracts people from throughout the four-state region.

Fourteen different agencies offer water expeditions on the Big Sugar, Elk River, and Indian Creek, while most provide camping areas along the river locations. Shady Beach, located on Highway 59 between Ginger Blue and Noel, is a center spot for activities within the county.

"Last year one of the kids always in here said Shady Beach had become the 'in place' to come for a good time," said Sherry Shurback, owner of the campground. "Our customers do have a good time."

Shady Beach is the second oldest campground-canoe service in the county. Once just cattle pasture along the Elk River, the site developed as a tourist stop over 40 years ago.

"A customer told us this used to be a

small hamburger and tourist shop back in the 40's before there was any camping or canoeing," said Shurback.

Now offering over 100 camping spots, 100 canoes, innertubes, and a game and snack shop, business stays active from the opening day of April 1 through Sept. 30. "The business is growing every year,"



said Shurback. "We get area people camping and canoeing during the week. On the weekends they come in groups from Kansas City, Oklahoma City, Tulsa, and Wichita."

Everyone entering the park pays \$2 per person for camping, canoeing, or to spend the day. There are eight different canoe trips to choose from which range from two to eight hours and may cover any of

the three waterways.

Some expeditions leave from the campsite while others require being taken up stream to certain points and returning back by the river.

"The Cyclone trip is 18 miles and takes eight hours with the time varying with individuals and group sizes," Shurback said.

and a \$5 per canoe deposit are highly recommended, especially for Saturday and Sunday.

"We totally fill up on the weekends," said Shurback. "I encourage reservations because I hate to see people come in from a ways and have to tell them we're full." Weekend situations of no vacancy are

Shurback, along with her husband, Sam, and several area youth run the business and "like seeing people have a good time."

"People come down here to relax, and that's what we want them to do," said Shurback. "Some will get here Friday evening and be all grouchy and wound-up. When they leave on Sunday, they're all relaxed and ready to come back."

The Shurbachs themselves know the feeling when they first started coming to the area 14 years ago on weekends before canoeing the area was even popular.

"We read an article in the *Kansas City Star* about the lovely area and Ginger Blue, so we came down one Sunday," she said. "We fell in love with the area and the people."

The Shurbachs continued to come from Kansas City with their daughter for the next seven years for weekend vacations before deciding to give up a dentist practice to purchase Shady Beach.

"This is our seventh year to own Shady Beach, and I'd never go back to the city," said Shurback. "We get Brownies, fraternities, senior citizens, and all ages. It's just good clean fun."

Pabens feel lifestyle is challenging, rewarding

Family leaves Canada to run Ginger Blue

By Martha Green
Chart Reporter

Life in the Ozark hills after living in Toronto, Canada, can be an adjustment some people might find hard to make.

For Paul and Mary Paben, owners of Ginger Blue Resort in Noel, Mo., life there has been both challenging and rewarding.

Tired of the corporate world and large cities and wanting to go into business for themselves, the Pabens answered an advertisement in the *Wall Street Journal* for a resort on Elk River.

It didn't take them long to decide Ginger Blue was exactly what they wanted.

"This is not a Ramada or a Holiday Inn," Mary Paben said. "It is a place to be completely laid back, yet all the quality is here."

Ginger Blue is set right off Highway 59, four miles north of Noel.

The main lodge offers 14 rooms. Over the acre grounds there are 17 cottages and 20 riverside units. The 14 guest rooms in the lodge are decorated in rare antiques which have been acquired from pioneer Ozark families.

The cottages are summer homes ranging in size from one to three bedrooms. Each unit has its own kitchen, which makes it attractive to people who want to prepare some of their own meals.

"Our rates are very reasonable, and the availability of kitchen facilities makes a vacation at Ginger Blue appealing to college students and young families," Paben said.

The resort also offers a dining room and the "Barn Bar" in the main lodge, both overlooking Elk River.

"Trout and catfish are always popular," Paben said, "but we also offer steaks, seafood, and chicken. Ginger Blue has always had a fine reputation for food, and we are working hard to maintain that."

Aside from the accommodations on the main grounds, Ginger Blue also operates its own 22-acre campground on the river at Pineville.

"Our campground is unique to the area as it is not setting on a major highway," Paben said. "There are lots of trees, and we have our own private swimming beach."

Use of a private pool and tennis court, horseback riding, and float trips have always been available to guests, and this year Ginger Blue is introducing raft floats. The rafts for this activity will hold up to eight people, and picnic meals may be taken on the trip.

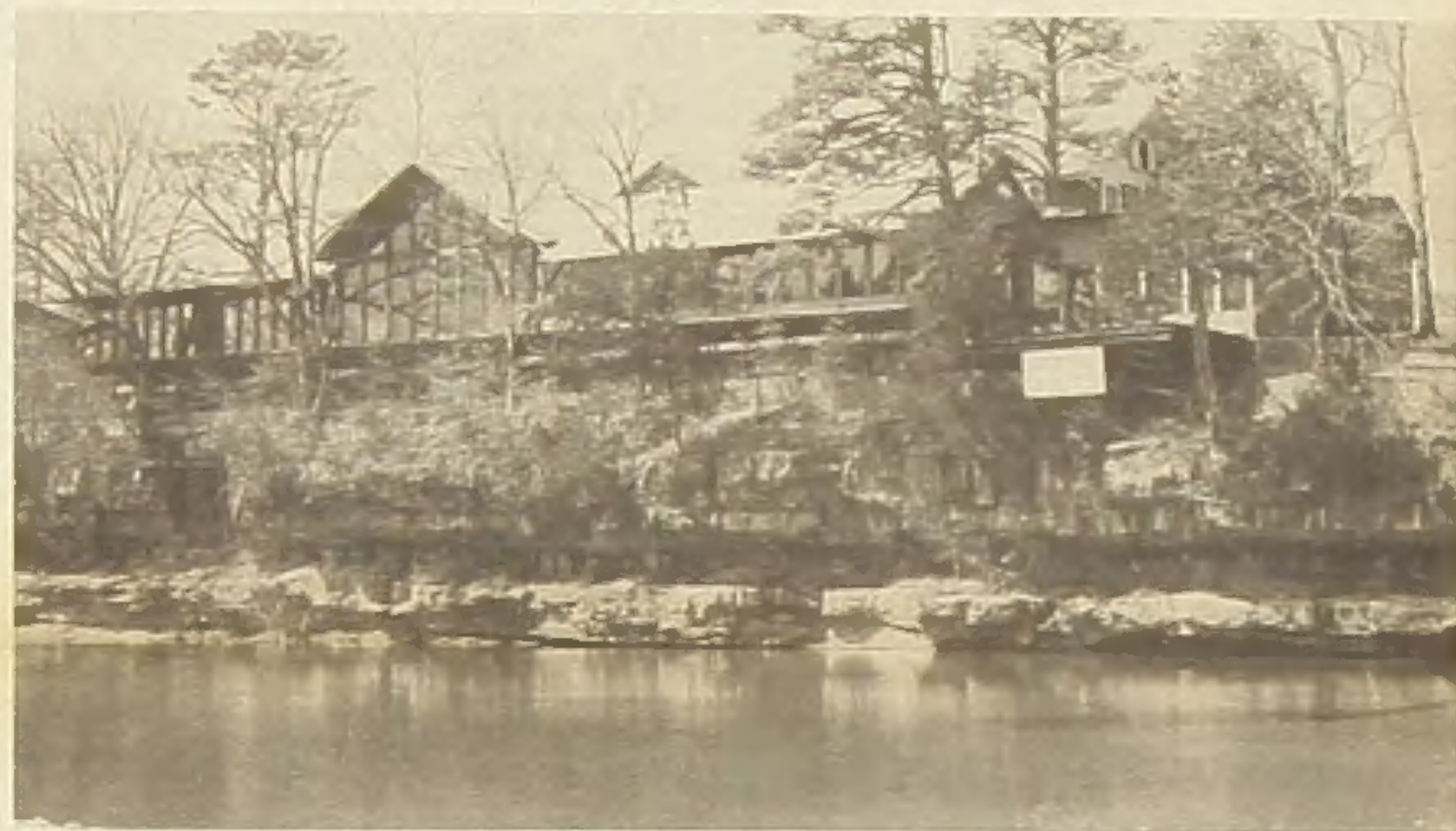
"We feel there are people who will enjoy the stability of a raft as opposed to a canoe," Paben said. "Families and some of our older guests will enjoy it as well as those who want to get out during high water periods."

The Pabens said that 15 years ago when Ginger Blue was owned by Norman Smith it enjoyed a fine reputation in every area of service.

The couple has spent the last two years putting back together a quality resort which they feel had been neglected for the last few years.

Along with many cosmetic changes, they have remodeled most of the cottages and installed heat and air conditioning.

"I can't stress enough that Ginger Blue is a quality place to relax and be casual," Paben said. "We are working hard to have that fine reputation that was enjoyed by the former owner."



Vacation spot

Overlooking the Elk River north of Noel, Ginger Blue Resort provides a peaceful retreat for those desiring a vacation spot close to home. (Chart photo by Kevin Keller)

Bluff Dweller's Cave has long history

Family opens cave to public after encouragement from businessmen

By Lee Hurn
Chart Reporter

Dating back to the beginning of the century, Bluff Dweller's cave in Noel has a long history.

Kathleen Browning's family home has been near the cave entry since 1902. In 1925 the cave was explored for the first time. Two years later Browning's family opened it to tourists.

Bella Vista, Ark., and Noel were the favorite weekend spots for area residents in the 1920's, according to Browning. Local businessmen encouraged her family to open the cave to tourists in order to bring more people to the area and increase its prosperity.

Noel was quite a picturesque place and quite popular with travelers," Browning said.

The name of the cave is derived from its history. Explorers found various fossils and artifacts within its walls. Among them were bones and some pieces of skull of an Indian people given the name "bluff dweller" by scholars. The bones were those of a "comparatively short" Indian skeleton, Browning said.

"It makes us realize that this country has been occupied quite a while," she said.

"Our reign on life is quite short compared to how long civilization has existed."

Explorers also found arrowheads and a bone needle. These artifacts and many others are preserved in a museum located on the grounds.

"It has a nice collection," Browning said, "in fact, an outstanding collection from the tri-state area lead and zinc mines."

Browning describes the cave as a "corridor-type cave."

"Usually, you enter from the top and go down," she said.

The corridor type is an advantage because older people and small children can take the tour safely.

Safety is a major consideration in the operation of cave tours, Browning said. The family leased the cave in 1927 to a promoter who was supposed to be familiar with cave developing. However, he took less of an interest in safety regulations than he did in landscaping the grounds with "different things that were quite attractive," especially flowers.

After three years the family decided not to renew the promoter's lease.

"His main interest was in the beauty of the flowers," Browning said.

"Unless you have suitable walkways

and lighting, people can get injured."

Browning and her brother guide the tours through the cave. Extra help is hired during the busiest season, generally considered to be between late April and early October.

"We're like Branson and a lot of places," said attorney Abe Paul, president of the Noel Chamber of Commerce. "You have to make your money between Memorial Day and Labor Day."

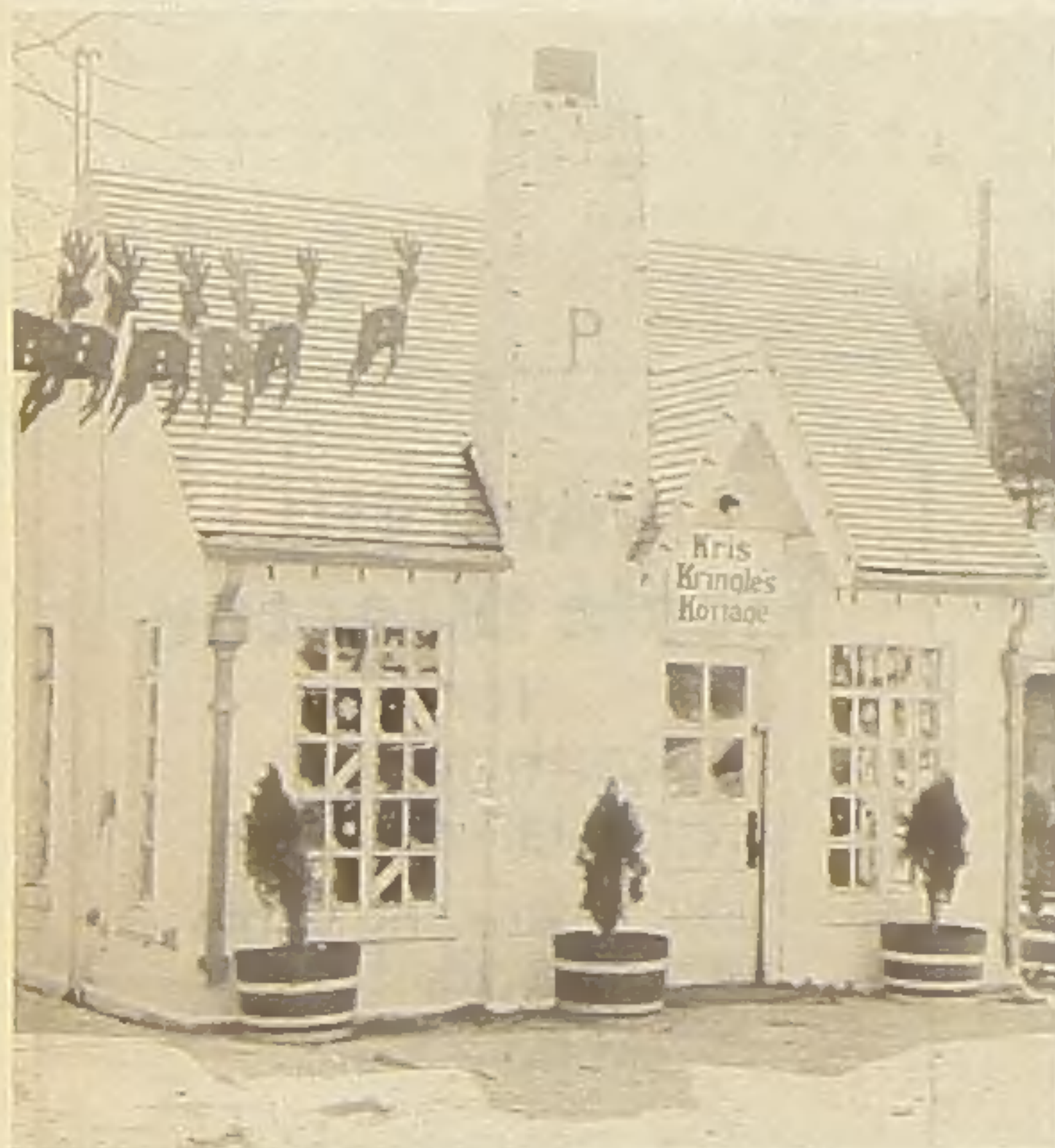
Browning said weather and other factors also affect the tourist season.

"Economy affects all businesses, resorts as well as mercantile businesses."

On busy days each guide may have up to eight tours. According to Browning, the size of the party taken through varies with the individuals and depends on the number of children and "how rambunctious" a particular group is.

"Sometimes you can have 12 people and get through easier than you can with six of another kind."

Bluff Dweller's Cave is located on Highway 59 two miles south of Noel. Tours are given throughout the year. Admission is \$4 for adults and \$2 for children between the ages of six and 12. Children under six years are admitted free. The admission charge includes the museum tour.



Fun place

Noel, also known as the "Christmas City," recognizes the holiday throughout the year. (Chart photo by Kevin Keller)

By Randa Pugh
Chart Reporter

Camping and canoeing are some of the many pleasures that Noel, Mo., has to offer.

Not only known for its natural beauty, Noel is also known as the "Christmas City."

"We have signs hung on Main Street and light poles that say 'Merry Christmas' in more than 50 different languages," said Lisa Paul, a member of the Noel Chamber of Commerce.

This "Christmas City," located in the southwest corner of McDonald County, is surrounded by Ozark timber while resting on the banks of the Elk River. Campers may enjoy canoeing and floating down this river and staying in campgrounds

around the area.

Christmas lights decorate the streets of this small town. A friendly snowman statue greets tourists and campers who visit downtown Noel. Many people send cards and letters through Noel for the "Christmas City" postmark.

"Last Christmas, there were about 62,000 cards that came through our post office," said Bill Poage, who has worked at the Noel post office for eight years.

Noel recognizes Christmas throughout the year, but there are many special activities that occur throughout the month of December. Noel has a Christmas parade, a special production by the Elk River Little Theatre, caroling, and a hayride among other activities.

"For the children we have a Kris Kringle cottage," said Paul, "where they

can get their picture taken with Mr. Kringle himself."

Other than just Christmas activities, Noel is host to many summer events such as canoe races, softball classics, and the Great River Raft Race.

"The people of Noel are very friendly," said Geneva Testerman, a 28-year resident of the town. "Noel is a good place to live, and I enjoy meeting new people that visit during the summer."

"I like everything about Noel," said Z.L. McGowan, owner of the Hillbilly Gift and Souvenir Shop.

McGowan, who has lived in Noel for 28 years, said he enjoys the people, scenery, and streams.

The year 1987 is special for Noel. The town soon will be celebrating its 100th birthday.